









## Miscellaneous Department.

### IN WAR-TIME.

[Read before the Alumni of the Friends' Yearly Meeting School, at the annual meeting at Newport, Rhode Island, 31st March, 1863.]

Once more, dear friends, you meet beneath a friendly sky.

Not yet the sword has found its sheath,

And on the sweet spring air the breath

Of war floats by.

Yet through the air from the ground,

Not pain from harm,

And wave and storm had met and bound

Providence.

Full long our hearts the fervory ways

Of peace have trod.

A handier path in earlier days

Lead us to God.

Too cheaply truths, once purchased dear,

Are made our own.

Too long the world has failed to hear

Our host of full cries in the air.

By others sworn:

To rec as sit the martyr fires

Of long ago;

In singed garments that our sires

Have dropped below.

But now the cross our worries bore

On us is laid.

Providence's sleep is deep to sleep,

And in the midst of truth once more

Our faith is weighed.

The cry of innocent blood at last

Is heard.

An answer in the whirlwind-hush,

The thunder and the lightning.

From Heaven's dark frown.

The land is red with judgments. Who

Has guided this?

We have been faithful as we knew,

To God and our human true.

Heaven and earth are true.

How faint though light of merchandise

And count of gain.

Has seemed to us as captives' cries.

How far away the tears and sighs

Of pain.

This day the fearful reckoning comes

To each and all.

We hear amidst our peaceful homes

The summons of the conspiring drums.

The trumpet's call.

Open plain the plain; the water draws

Bound us in vain.

While, faithful to the higher cause,

We keep our faith to the laws

Through patient pain.

The leveled gun and the brand

We may not take;

But, calmly loyal, we can stand

And suffer with our suffering land

For conscience' sake.

Why ask for ease where all is pain?

Shall we alone

Be left to all our gain to gain,

When over Armageddon's plain

The trumpet is blown?

To suffer well is well to serve;

So it is ours.

The right lines of law shall curve

And to our ends shall curve

Its smiling curve.

And light is mingled with the gloom,

And joy and grief.

Divine compensations come,

Through throes of judgment merces bloom

In sweet relief.

Thanks for our privilege to bless,

By word and deed.

The widow in her lonely distress,

The childless and the fatherless,

The leprosy and the blind.

For fields of duty, opening wide,

Where all our powers

Are tasked the eager to guide

On our path to a just strife:

"The slave is ours!"

Our old traditions and old

Which make the race

Our words to cherish and uphold,

And suffer with our suffering land

For conscience' sake.

Who murmurs that in dark days

God's hand is in the shadow

Shall rise to his gaze of praise

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came still more noisy, and at times the speaker was

interrupted by the laughter of the audience.

The Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel, who at public

meetings is always a most interesting speaker, was

present, and he was the first to rise and speak.

Of a rich and noble family, he entered the Church

and became one of its most noted members, but

like the many of his kind, he was not a true

believer, and he was not a true member.

But with such an array of eloquence to work against,

a noisy speaker was not a noisy speaker.

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let South Carolina are encouraged, and as you look at

the palmetto tree and their dark faces it is difficult

to realize that you are not in Central Africa.

Nothing but the national union and the Stars and

Stripes could fill the void.

It is true that the river is a most beautiful

and scenic spot, and the banks are very fertile.

A few of the heroes of the Florida wars are on guard,

and straight ahead of the river.

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tell you their true feelings, how they long to be free,

and suffer when their children are sold from their

arms and whistled down the river.

"Do you think you prize liberty as much as we do?"

He answered that he did not know what liberty was.

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